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SUMMARY  
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1. [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
REVIEW AUTHORITY: ALAN H FLANIGAN  
CLASSIFICATION: CONFIDENTIAL REASON: 1.4(D)  
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HE RECOGNIZED THAT CHAVEZ NEEDS TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE  
HIMSELF AND OFFER A SINCERE DIALOGUE TO THE KEY OPPOSITION  
LEADERS. END SUMMARY.

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THAT THE GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN WASTING ITS TIME WITH THE  
PRESIDENTIAL DIALOGUE COMMISSION AND "MESAS DE DIALOGO."  
RECOGNIZING THAT NO ONE IN THE OPPOSITION BELIEVES ANY  
SPOKESMAN FOR THE GOVERNMENT WOULD HAVE AUTHORITY,

[REDACTED] CHAVEZ HIMSELF NEEDS TO TAKE THE  
INITIATIVE AND OFFER A SINCERE DIALOGUE TO THE KEY  
OPPOSITION LEADERS. AFTER ALL, "THERE IS NO REVOLUTION,"  
HE EMPHASIZED. PLAYING ON THE TITLE OF THE FAMOUS  
VENEZUELAN BOOK "DE BUEN SALVAJE AL BUEN REVOLUCIONARIO,"  
CHAVEZ NEEDS TO GO FROM BEING THE "GOOD REVOLUTIONARY" TO  
BEING "A GOOD STATESMAN."

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5. [REDACTED] WAS ENCOURAGED THAT THE CARTER VISIT MIGHT  
HAVE HELPED PAVE THE WAY FOR MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE. HE  
THOUGHT THAT THE POLITICAL CRISIS IS NOT FUNDAMENTALLY  
ABOUT IDEOLOGY AND THAT THE ALL THE PARTIES COULD WORK  
TOGETHER ON FIXING THE ECONOMY AND FIGHTING POVERTY. BUT  
HE WORRIED THAT THE OPPOSITION WAS BECOMING TOO  
INTRANSIGENT [REDACTED]

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COMMENT: TRACES OF HOPE  
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7. (C) POLITICIANS LIKE [REDACTED] AMONG THE FEW IN THE  
CHAVEZ GOVERNMENT THAT HAVE A SENSE OF HOW "CONSENSUS-  
DRIVEN" POLITICS USED TO BE PLAYED IN VENEZUELA.

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[REDACTED] CLAIMED  
HE HAS A LOT TO LOSE IF THE NATION FALLS APART. WE BELIEVE  
HIM A SINCERE ADVOCATE OF REAL DIALOGUE, IF ONLY TO BUY  
TIME IN LEADING UP TO A POSSIBLE RECALL REFERENDUM NEXT  
YEAR. A CONSTITUTIONAL EXIT THAT HE SUPPORTS [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] MAY BE STEERING CHAVEZ  
TOWARD A MORE PRAGMATIC COURSE. OF COURSE, TO PROMOTE  
MEANINGFUL DIALOGUE MEANS MAKING SOME CONCRETE CONCESSIONS,  
WHICH CHAVEZ PROBABLY SEES AS CONTRADICTING A "HOLDING WHAT  
THEY HAVE" STRATEGY, ESPECIALLY IF THE OPPOSITION FALLS TO

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